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In the Application of:
LAFFEND ET AL.

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APPLICATION NO.: 09/575,638

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EXAMINER: BUGAISKY, G.

FOR: BIOCONVERSION OF A FERMENTABLE CARBON SOURCE
TO 1,3-PROPANEDIOL BY A SINGLE MICROORGANISM

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This document is filed in response to the Final Office Action, Paper 20, mailed 13 August 2003. Please enter the amendments and remarks contained in the Reply and reconsider the application. The document is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time in which to answer and authorization for the appropriate fee. Concurrently, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination, submitting an amendment and to secure additional time to supply a terminal disclaimer with regard to certain pending rejections.